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Subject: Information Concerning the Binh Xuyen

1. The General Staff of the United Front is now headed by Bay Vien with Le Van Tat, the principal Cao Dai general still following the orders of the Cao Dai pope, as second in command. An earlier report that the Binh Xuyen leaders had sent their wives to France as a result of the present crisis is probably unfounded. Bay Vien's wife left before the crisis became acute, his mistress and most other Binh Xuyen wives are still in town.

2. A French army major named DE KERVENOAEL and 20 Legionnaires are now stationed in the Binh Xuyen headquarters area in what is described as a "liaison" function. Source does not know the purpose of the liaison or how it operates.

3. Col. LEROY is now in the Binh Xuyen headquarters area with approximately 250 men, for the purpose of giving the Binh Xuyen military support.

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4. There are some ties of sympathy and interest between the members of the Northern Dai Viet (Phan Huy QUAT, Dang Van SUNG, Vu Quy MAO) and the Binh Xuyen.

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